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1. SCI REQUESTED COMMENTS JUNE 13 FROM INTERIOR, AEC, NSF, COMMERCE, EPA AND NASA ON SUBSTANCE JAPANESE INTEREST IN ENERGY R&D AS REPORTED REF. A. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM ALL AGENCIES EXCEPT AEC SHOW CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT. AEC NOT EXPECTED TO PROVIDE
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2. SCI PREPARING UMBRELLA-TYPE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT (SIMILAR TO ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT) ON US-JAPAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER WHICH INDIVIDUAL TECHNICAL AGENCIES OF EACH GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS, CONTRACTS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDING FOR JOINT SURVEYS, STUDIES AND R&D PROJECTS.

3. TECHNOLOGIES MENTIONED BY MITI IN REF. A APPEAR SATIS-FACTORY TO TECHNICAL AGENCIES CONCERNED. IN ADDITION, NASA SUGGESTS INCLUDE CONSIDERATION ALSO (1) GAS TURBINES FOR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION, AND (2) MICROWAVE POWER TRANSMISSION. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AEC WILL SUGGEST

INCLUSION CONTROLLED THERMONUCLEAR FUSION RESEARCH. EPA SUGGESTS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ASPECTS EACH TECHNOLOGY BE INCLUDED IN TEXT OF AGREEMENT. SCI IN BASIC AGREEMENT ALL THESE POINTS.

4. PROPOSED AGREEMENT WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL AS SOON AS CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORIZATION GRANTED WITH REQUEST THAT EMBASSY PRESENT IT TO APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS ASAP FOR THEIR COMMENTS IF POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE ECONCOM IX. IF JAPANESE AGREE WE WOULD LIKE ECONCOM COMMUNIQUE TO CONTAIN ENDORSEMENT IN PRINCIPLE OF R&D AGREEMENT. FOR OUR PART, WE WOULD THEN HOPE FINAL AGREEMENT COULD BE EXPEDITED TO MAKE POSSIBLE SIGNING AT HEADS OF STATE MEETING. RUSH

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